

COLUMBUS-STILLWATER COUNTY CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2008**

Members Present:

Rod Fink, Jeanne Kienitz, Webb Mandeville, Dennis Holten, and Jeff Ruffatto

Guests:

None

Staff Present:

Forrest Mandeville

I. Call to Order

Rod called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. Minutes

Jeanne made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2008 meeting (October meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum). Webb seconded; with all in favor motion carried.

III. New Business

A. Establish 2009 Meetings/Elect Officers:

Forrest explained that the yearly Resolution to establish officers and meeting dates needed to be voted on before the first of the year. (See attached Resolution 2009-01)

Webb made the motion that the Resolution be passed and nominated Ed Viig for Chiarman. Jeff Seconded.

Jeff made the motion that the nominations cease. Jeanne seconded.

With all in favor motion carried establishing meeting dates for 2009; Ed Viig elected Chairman for 2009.

Webb nominated Rod Fink for Vice Chairman. Jeanne seconded.

Jeanne made the motion to cease nominations. Jeff seconded; with all in favor motion carried.

B. Member's terms expiring:

Forrest reminded the Board that some terms were expiring. Jeff had received his letter from the County and is planning on reapplying. Ric is no longer on the Board due to the fact that his now resides within Town Limits and his seat on the Board must be held by someone outside Town Limits. The Board discussed potential candidates to fill this spot, with many names from the Sandstone Estates Subdivision area being mentioned. The Board members will work on recruiting people to apply for the position.

C. Subdivision Regulation Changes:

Forrest explained that the County is in the process of updating the Subdivision Regulations, which are also used for the Town of Columbus. In the course of researching past changes to the Regulations, it was discovered that the Town had not adopted changes passed by County Resolutions 2007-33 and 2007-44. Forrest reviewed the changes which have been adopted by the County but not the Town, as well as newly proposed changes, which the County Planning Board is currently considering. The Board had concerns with the proposed sentence, which appears in proposed changes currently before the County Planning Board, "No new dwelling units will be constructed within the exterior boundaries of the designated flood plain", as they felt it interferes with property rights.

Webb made the motion to recommend the Town adopt the Subdivision Regulations as amended by County Resolutions 2007-33 and 2007-44. Dennis seconded; with all in favor motion carried.

IV. Old Business

A. Tree Ordinance Update:

The Tree Ordinance was passed by Town Council, Ordinance 331, and is now part of Columbus Municipal Code.

B. 3rd St. Extension Update:

The Board reviewed a letter sent by City Attorney Doug Howard responding to the Board's October 1, 2008 letter requesting a land survey be conducted to secure land for the future extension of North 3rd St. on the east side of Sandstone Estates Subdivision. It is Mr. Howard's opinion that this project should not be undertaken until there is more known about exactly how landowners in the area plan to develop. The Board was disappointed that they will be unable to foster predictable development, but understood that Right-of-Way issues are complicated. The Board will no longer pursue this issue.

V. Other

Because there does not appear to be a lot on next month's agenda, and that the scheduled meeting would fall two days before Christmas, Webb made the motion to cancel the December meeting of the City-County Planning Board. Jeanne seconded; with all in favor motion carried.

VI. Adjourn

With no more business, Jeff made the motion to adjourn. Webb seconded; with all in favor motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be a mandatory meeting on January 27, 2009.

Forrest Mandeville
Planning Tech